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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

AUTOPSY REPORT

CASE 73 - 3357

August 13, 1973

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS ON THE BODY  
OF

Ruben Watson Haney  
2317 Beall Street  
Houston, Texas

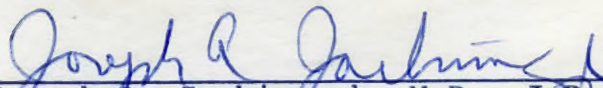
Asphyxia due to strangulation and  
gagging.

OPINION

It is our opinion that the decedent,  
Ruben Watson Haney, came to his death  
as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation  
and gagging, Homicide.

It is our further opinion that death  
occurred on or about August 17, 1971.

COMMENT: Dr. Joseph A. Jachimczyk spoke  
with Dorothy Haney on the telephone on  
August 11, 1973.

  
Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., J.D.  
Chief Medical Examiner

(SEE COMPANION CASES 73-3332, 73-3333, 73-3334, 73-3335, 73-3336,  
73-3337, 73-3338, 73-3339, 73-3347, 73-3348, 73-3349, 73-3350,  
73-3353, 73-3354, 73-3355, 73-3356).



## POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

Ruben Watson Haney  
2317 Beall Street  
Houston, Texas

**HISTORY:** The skeletal remains of this unidentified young male teenager (Unknown #17) were found at approximately 8:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973, in Stall #11 at 4500 Silver Bell Street, Houston, Texas. (See Companion Cases 73-3332, 73-3333, 73-3334, 73-3335, 73-3336, 73-3337, 73-3338, 73-3339, 73-3347, 73-3348, 73-3349, 73-3350, 73-3353, 73-3354, 73-3355, 73-3356).

**AUTOPSY:** The autopsy was performed by Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., assisted by Assistant Medical Examiners G. Sheldon Green, M.D., and Ethel E. Erickson, M.D., and assisted by Dr. Paul G. Stimson, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on August 13, 1973, in the Harris County Morgue.

**EXTERNAL APPEARANCE:** These were the skeletal remains of a human body submitted in a plastic crash bag; the entire specimen weighing a total of 60 pounds. Within the bag, there were many decomposing bones and lime destroyed material and skull. There was a pair of "Farah slacks, never needs ironing". They were green plaid with delicate white and blue lines, forming squares. The length of the trouser legs was 28 inches from the crotch to the ankle. There were two green-yellow socks, measuring 11 inches from toe to heel. There was a pair of desert boots, measuring 11-1/2 inches in length from heel to toe. The boots reached above the ankle area, had a fairly large tongue, and rather long shoelaces. Looped around the neck area, there was a loop of tied sash cord, similar to that seen in the other bodies. There were strands of dark brown hair, measuring up to 9 inches in length. There was a portion of gag and adhesive tape covering the face area and a portion of fine rope ligature around the neck. The bones included the skull and mandible, two femurs in which the epiphyses were not fused. Each measured 17-1/2 inches in length. There were two humeri which measured 15 inches in length. The proximal epiphyses of the humeri had not been fused. The distals were fused. There also were two radii. They measured 10-1/4 inches in length, and two ulnas, measuring 9-1/2 inches in length. There were 24 ribs. There were two clavicles. There was an old healed fracture of the left clavicle with callous formation around it. The left radius was somewhat thickened at its distal end. This was compatible with an old healed fracture. There also were 15 vertebrae and two metatarsals.

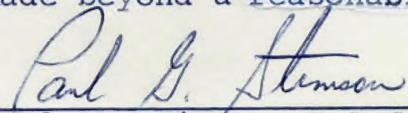


DENTAL EXAMINATION

The charting was made according to the universal system as follows: upper right 1 to 16 and left lower 17 to 32. Dentition was somewhat unusual. The maxillary teeth present were numbers 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 15. Left and right deciduous canines were present in the maxilla. Mandibular teeth present: numbers 18, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, and 31. Deciduous teeth present in the mandible were the right canine and first and second deciduous right molars. Caries were present: occlusal on 2 and 3 central and distal on the facial of the right maxillary deciduous central pit caries number 18 and 19 distal half of the tooth and in the mesial of the deciduous right mandibular cuspid and almost all of the crowns of the deciduous right mandibular first and second molars. Tooth #30 has caries on the distal two-thirds.

Comparison of the dental chart with Dr. W. L. George's chart, 1920 Ashland Street, Houston, Texas, of Ruben Watson Haney, revealed that caries were present in a similar pattern in teeth 3, number 6 deciduous, number 19, and number 30. The decedent was identified from a healed fractured left clavicle in the ante and postmortem radiographs.

In addition to the dental similarities, there was also a healed fractured left clavicle and left wrist which matched in both ante-mortem known radiographs and postmortem radiographs of these remains. Therefore, positive identification was made beyond a reasonable doubt.

  
 Paul G. Stimson, D.D.S., M.S.



Autopsy

# INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Investigator: L. C. Kelly

~~View~~

Case No. 73 - 3357

Decedent: Ruben Watson Haney Race W Sex M Age 19

Address: 2317 Beall Street, Houston, Texas

Death: FOUND August 9, 1973 Approx. Time 8:00 ~~XXM.~~  
P.M.

Place of Death: 4500 Silver Bell Street, Stall #11, Houston, Texas

Place of Inquest: 4500 Silver Bell Street, Stall #11, Houston, Texas, and  
Harris County Morgue.

Date and Time of Inquest: August 9, 1973 A.M.  
P.M.

Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body:

Clothing: The decedent was nude.

## Information:

- 73-3349: Unknown #11-Found in the middle of Stall #11, Head to the west, at 4:00 p.m.
- 73-3350: Unknown #12-Found in the middle of Stall #11, Head to the east, at 4:00 p.m.
- 73-3353: Unknown #13-Found in the middle of Stall #11 and next to the front door, Head to the north, at approximately 6:00 p.m.
- 73-3354: Unknown #14-Found in the middle of Stall #11 and next to the front door, Head to the south, at approximately 6:00 p.m.
- 73-3355: Unknown #15-Found north end of Stall #11, Head to the east next to east side of Stall #11, at approximately 7:30 p.m.
- 73-3356: Unknown #16-Found six feet from center of north door, Head to the east, at approximately 8:00 p.m.
- 73-3357: Unknown #17-Found six feet from center of north door beside Unknown #16, Head to the east, at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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Property: There was no property involved.

Transferred to Morgue by: William H. Posey Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., Galena Park, Texas, Bob Lee Funeral Home, Houston, Texas and Brookwood

Funeral Home Conducting Service: Funeral Home, Houston, Texas

Heights Funeral Home, Houston, Texas



1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>HARRIS</b>				2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <b>TEXAS</b> b. COUNTY <b>HARRIS</b>			
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Houston</b>				c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Houston</b>			
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>4500 Silver Bell, Stall #11</b>				d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>2317 Beall</b>			
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First <b>RUBEN</b> (b) Middle <b>WATSON</b> (c) Last <b>HANEY</b>				4. DATE OF DEATH <b>8-9-73 (Found)</b>			
5. SEX <b>Male</b>		6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>April 19, 1954</b>	
9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>19</b>		10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Student</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>School</b>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Houston, Texas</b>	
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>USA</b>				13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Tommy Watson</b>			
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Dorothy Pitts</b>				15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>No</b>			
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>---</b>				17. INFORMANT <b>Bo Haney</b>			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).] PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Asphyxia due to strangulation and gagging.</b> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____ PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) _____ 19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>							
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) <b>Strangled.</b>			
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour <b>UNK</b> a.m. <b>8</b> p.m. <b>9</b> Month <b>73</b> Day <b>73</b> Year							
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>4500 Silver Bell, Stall #11</b>			
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Houston</b>				COUNTY <b>Harris</b> STATE <b>Texas</b>			
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>from autopsy findings</b> on <b>8-9-73</b> and last saw the deceased alive on <b>8-9-73</b> m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.							
22a. SIGNATURE <b>Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D.</b>				22b. ADDRESS <b>209 Courthouse Houston, Texas</b>			
22c. DATE SIGNED <b>8-23-73</b>							
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>				23b. DATE <b>August 16, 1973</b>			
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Brookside Memorial Park</b>							
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Houston</b>				23e. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>HEIGHTS FUNERAL HOME</b>			
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO.				25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR			
25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE							

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS



HARRIS COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

MORTICIAN'S REQUEST

NAME OF DECEASED: Ruben Watson Haney

M.E. # 73 3357

ADDRESS: 2317 Beall

AGE: 19

SEX: Male

RACE: White

FUNERAL HOME: Heights Funeral Home

REQUESTED AND AUTHORIZED BY: *x Mrs. C.E. Haney*

RELATION: Mother

TELEPHONE: 861-8956

ADDRESS: 2317 Beall

WITNESS: *Harry L. Landon*

DATE: 8-14-73

CHATHAM & STERLING

1:15 pm  
9-14-76  
Dr. J. Helen Hicks (246 South  
16, Chicago, Illinois) called for  
you re: Ruben Watson - she  
wanted his father's name to  
mail \$15.00 to him because she went  
to school at Hamilton in the Heights.  
Also, she wanted to know if Mark  
Scott was one of the mass murder  
victims because she knew him &  
heard that he was dead but not  
investigated. She will call you  
back.

*Babs*